

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method of treating cognitive deficits in a patient in need thereof~~having a neurodegenerative disease~~, the method comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of etazolate~~a compound of the pyrazolopyridine family~~.

Claims 8-10 (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, for treating cognitive deficit in a patient having ~~a neurodegenerative disease selected from Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, Parkinson's disease and Huntington's chorea.~~

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the composition is administered orally or systemically.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of improving perceptive cognition in a patient in need thereof~~having a neurodegenerative disease~~, the method comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of etazolate.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the patient has ~~[[an]]~~ Alzheimer's disease ~~or vascular dementia~~.